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NOTES ON CURRENT AND RECENT EVENTS.

Seventh International Congress of Criminal Anthropology.—The seventh International Congress of Criminal Anthropology will be held at Cologne, from the 9th to the 13th of October, 1911. The committee of organization is composed of Prof. Aschaffenburg of Cologne, Prof. Kurella of Bonn and Prof. Sommer of Giessen. E. L.

New German "Forensic-Psychological Society."—In December last a "forensic-psychological society" was organized at Hamburg, to study and conduct investigations in judicial psychology and psychiatry, criminalistics (including crime and methods of combatting it), prison science, reform of criminal law and procedure and allied subjects. The society already has over 100 members, including judges, public prosecutors, psychiatrists, psychologists, physicians, prison officials and others. The president of the society is Herr Irrmann, superior public prosecutor, and the secretary is Dr. Schläger, a prosecuting attorney.

Chair of Eugenics in the University of London.—The press dispatches recently announced that Sir Francis Galton has bequeathed \$225,000 for the establishment in the University of London of a chair of eugenics.

"The aims of the department will be to collect material bearing on the science of eugenics and to promote discussion of the same. It is also provided that there shall be established a central bureau to supply information on the subject to private individuals, as well as public officials, under proper restrictions.

"In short, it is planned to extend the knowledge of eugenics not only by professional instruction, but by occasional publications and lectures, as well as experimental and observational work. The functions of the central office are said to embody one of Sir Francis' most cherished schemes. He favored the installment of a sort of register along eugenic lines, to which anyone could apply for information concerning the past history of any family or stock."

It is announced that Prof. Karl Pearson, now professor of applied mathematics and mechanics at the University of London, will probably be the first incumbent of the new professorship. J. W. G.

Death of Madame Pauline Tarnowsky.—By the recent death of Dr. Pauline Tarnowsky of St. Petersburg the new science of criminal anthropology loses one of its most distinguished scholars. She was a favorite pupil of Lombroso and was the leading woman criminologist of Europe. She spent many years in the prisons and dwellings of the poor in Russia studying the criminal classes with a zeal and ardor rarely excelled. Her last and greatest work, *Les femmes homicides*, a volume of over 600 pages (reviewed in this JOURNAL for November, 1910, pp. 666-668), contained special comparative studies of 160 cases of female homicides, based on personal observation and embodying the results of twenty years of research. Her classification of female criminals was